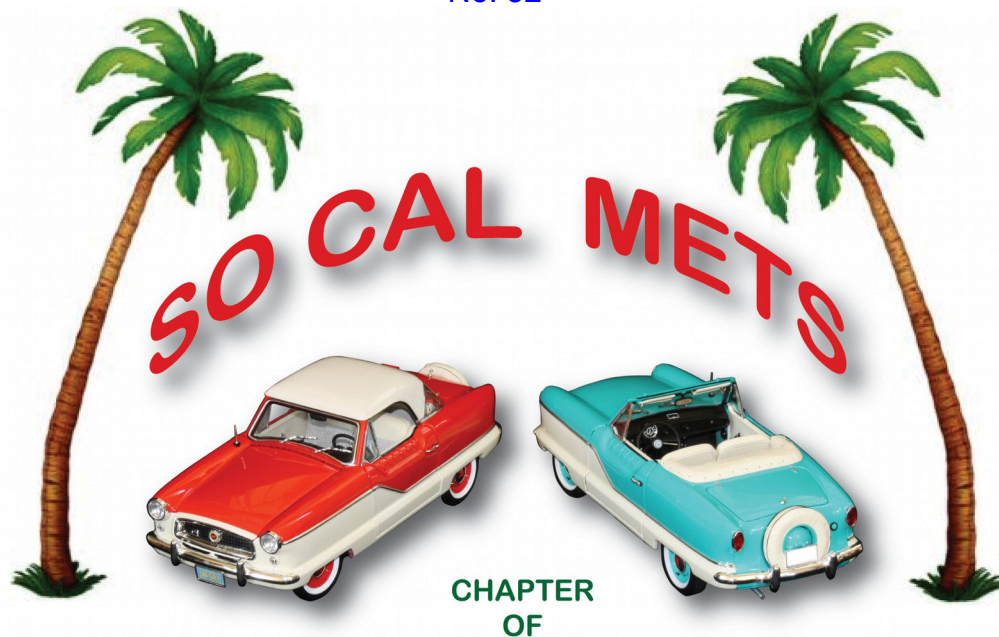


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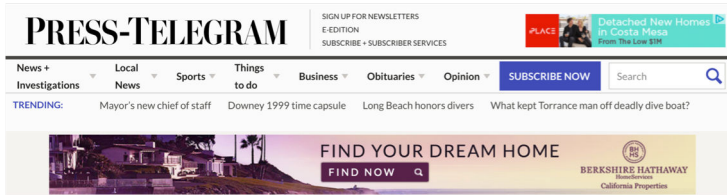
ADVENTURES: EVERY MONTH IF POSSIBLE

Day & Date	Event	Location & Hosts	Start
January		RAINED OUT	
February 10th Sun	East OC Canyon Cruise	Mike & Kim Dahlberg 18142 Theodora Dr. Tustin RAINED OUT	9:00 AM
Mar 16 & 17 Sat & Sun	Classic Auto Show	OC Fair & Event Center 88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa	10:00 AM
April 5-6 Fri & Sat	Southwest Unique Little Car Show	Sacramento, CA	TBA
April 27 Sat	Floral Park Home Tour & Car Show	North Santa Ana http://floralparkhometour.com/	8:30 AM
May 4th Sat	Blind Children 5k walk/run	18542-B Vanderlip Avenue in Santa Ana	TBA
June 20-23	International Meet	Holiday Inn Express, 610 Genoa Way Castle Rock, Colorado 303-688-0888	
July 21 st Sun	Annual Picnic Pot Luck	Craig Park, 3300 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton	10:30 AM
Aug 11 th Sun	Marconi Auto Museum	1302 Industrial Dr, Tustin, CA 92780	9:30 AM
Sept 8 th Sun	Belmont Shore Car Show	Meet at Ken's: 17002 Bolero Lane Huntington Beach (714) 926-7393	6:15 AM
Sept 21 st Saturday	Crevier Auto Museum	365 Clinton St, Costa Mesa, CA 92626	9:30 AM
Oct 26 Saturday	Canyon Cruise	Meet at Mike Dahlberg's - 18142 Theodora Dr. Tustin	10:00 AM
Nov 16 Saturday	Tom's Farm	23900 Temescal Canyon Rd Corona, California 92883	11:00 AM
Dec 8 Sun	Xmas Party	Angelo's and Vinci's Ristorante 550 N Harbor Blvd, Fullerton, CA 92832	1:00 PM
Dec 14 Sat	Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade	27001 Moulton Parkway (& Oso) Aliso Viejo Parking lot between Pancake House & 7-11	8:15 AM

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Promoters of the 30th annual Belmont Shore Car Show encouraged So Cal Mets to participate in the September event. Attending this year were Chris Di Tommaso, Mike Dahlberg, Bill & Cindy Harris, Tony Bilotti, Ken & Judy Conner and new members Eric Van Stratton & his wife. Member Jeff Gordon had his beautiful Met convertible there as well but was parked in the prominent VIP section. The rest of us were placed on the far West end of the street which made us the first or last to be seen depending on which direction you were walking. For that reason or because he loved our Mets, a reporter from the Long Beach Press Telegram photographed us and put us on the front page of the next edition.



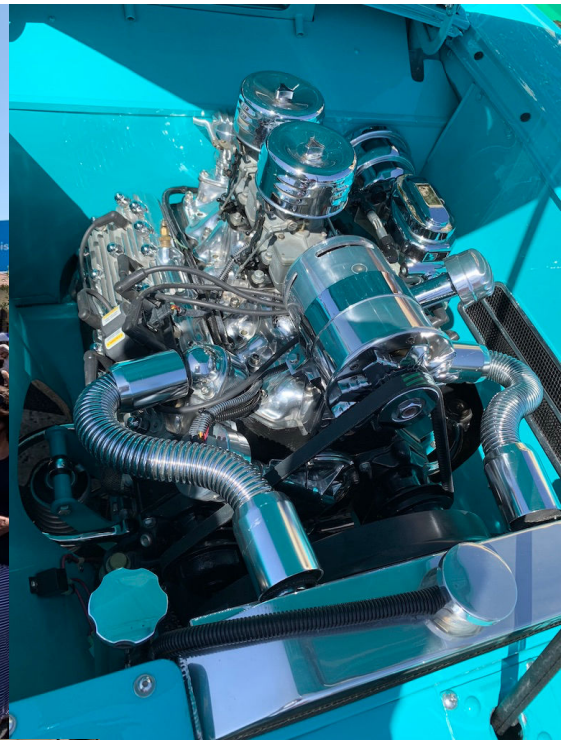
LOCAL NEWS
Cars from many decades roll into Long Beach's Belmont Shore Car Show

The show, presented by the Belmont Shore Business Association, featured more than 450 eye-catching cars from multiple generations. There were classic cars and muscle muscle cars and hot rods — each with their own story.



A couple looks under the hood of a 1955 Nash Metropolitan at The 30th Annual Belmont Shore Car Show on 2nd Street in Long Beach on Sunday, September 8, 2019. (Sam Gangwer, Contributing Photographer)





Above, Eric Van Stratton's beautiful "warm running" flat head V8 installation.

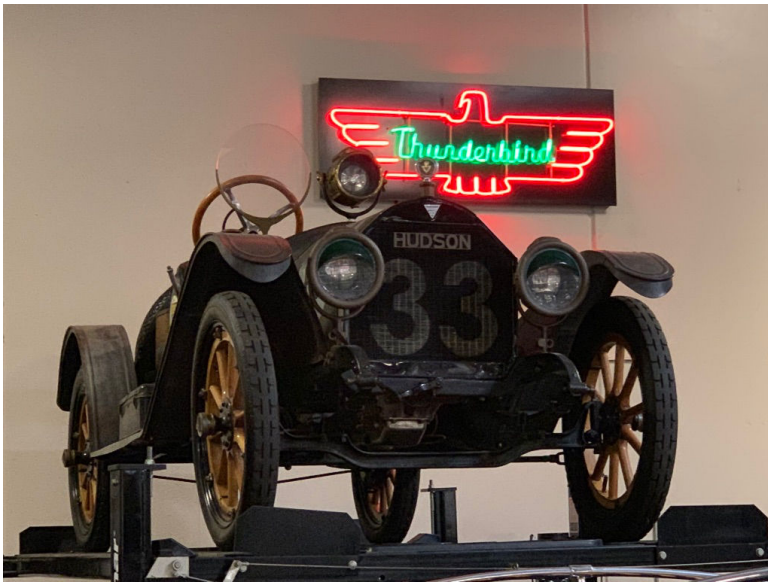


Right, Mike Brewer, TV celeb with the Motor Trend channel's show "Wheeler Dealers" & a friend of Bill & Cindy Harris, stopped by for a visit.





CREVIER MUSEUM & OTHER STOPS



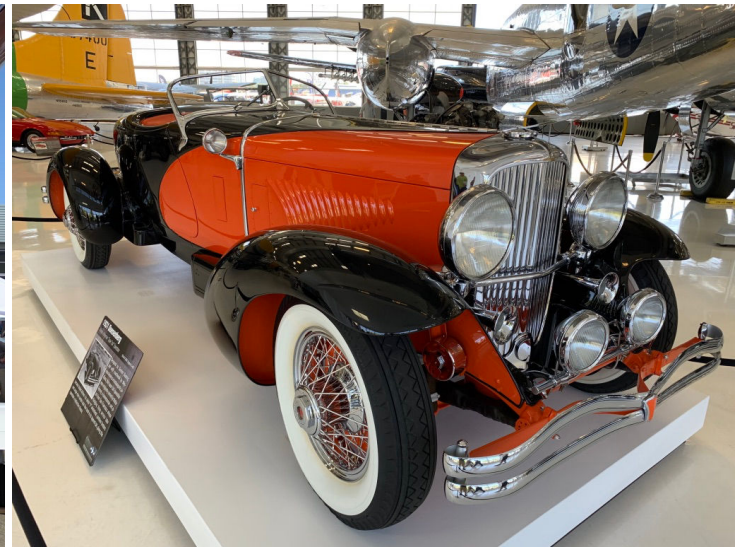
This old Hudson racer may be the oldest in the Crevier classic car collection. The rest is an interesting mix of beautiful four wheelers plus a cool bicycle or two. Our scheduled date of September 21st drew but three of us to the John Wayne Airport area warehouse. Showing up in our Mets were Tony Bilotti, Mike Dahlberg and Yours Truly.

So what do three guys fascinated by mechanical things do, they enjoy the cars, then go next door to the William Lyon Air Museum and check out classic Airplanes & more cars.



By the way, your editor mispronounced the Crevier name for a long time until an uppity Austin Healy owner corrected me & said you pronounce it: Crev-E-A.





The Lyon Air Museum is located on the West side of John Wayne Airport at 19300 Ike Jones Rd. Santa Ana. It is named after Maj.Gen. William Lyon USAF (Ret) who settled in Orange County and became a land developer among other things. The airy building is home to authentic exhibits featuring historical aircraft from WWII & classic automobiles. Adding to the exhibits that day was a great display out on the tarmac of new private & business aircraft for sale.



Convinced that a new or used airplane was probably not in our future, we got in our Mets and proceeded South on Jamboree. That dropped us down onto Balboa Island where we idled by the frozen banana places, then headed for the ferry and the fun zone. Yes, Metropolitans do float.

Once off the ferry we parked and proceeded to have a good lunch and visit at Ruby's out on the end of the pier.



CANYON CRUISE



This year's Canyon Cruise was the best yet. We met at the Dahlberg's in Tustin and Mike led our Seven Mets through the foliage of Eastern Orange County. This time we all explored Santiago Canyon, Modjeska Canyon, Live Oak Canyon and Trabuco Canyon. We finished with lunch at Selma's Chicago Pizza in Rancho Santa Margarita.

Participating were Mike & Kim Dahlberg from Tustin, Ron Bauman from Riverside, Marsha Jones and her neighbor Ginny from Fountain Valley, Tony Bilotti from Anaheim, Ken Conner from Huntington Beach, Jeff & Sue Garrett from Chino Hills, and Natalie & Ken Pollard from Murrieta.





The post cruise lunch conversation eventually turned to our clubs plans for the months ahead. As you can see our calendar is blank after December.

We solicit your ideas for Metropolitan Adventures in the coming year.

Those of you in LA County please suggest a Met outing near you. You & your Met deserve to be included in club activities.

As your editor I have a treasure of old Metropolitan Club newsletters produced by the late likable Keith Hayes. Here is a paragraph describing an outing the former Metropolitan Club of California did in October 1997. It was a drive up to the Oak Glen Apple Orchard Country:

The OAK GLEN OUTING Oct 18th was a lot of fun. The caravan left from the El Monte McDonalds, at 9:00 AM. It always amazes me how many people have cameras' in their cars - lean out the window and take pictures as they pass the caravan. We took a 10 minute break in Beaumont then went up the mountain to Glen Oak. We arrived at our destination, the Parrish Pioneer Ranch shortly after 11:00 AM. The members who did not caravan were waiting for us and after visiting for a while, we had a real nice lunch. The gals did their shopping after lunch and we headed for home about 2:00 PM. The 18 members who participated in this outing had a great time. Seveal members arrived in the family car and this is fine. If your Met is not running or you do not feel right in driving it to the outing, come anyway.

Of course Oak Glen is 83 miles from Huntington Beach & 2 1/2 hours by the shortest way which is freeway!

A 1957 Met was already 40 years old in 1997 and yes it is 62 years old today. Still most of us have AAA car service & 55 MPH is doable in the freeway slow lane.

Let us know your choice of adventures, whatever.

Ken Conner



Above, Natalie Pollard whose Met failed to get to the top of Pike's Peak in June, celebrates on the summit of a hill during our Canyon Cruise.